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SALINA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIVING AND DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jeff Groom, 37, Salina, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Richard D. Rogers to 33 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by two years of supervised release and ordered to forfeit the computer and related equipment used to commit the crime.**

Melgren stated that Groom entered a guilty plea on October 7, 2003, to one count of receiving and distributing child pornography and one count of forfeiture of the computer and related equipment.

Melgren said that on October 24, 2002, a search warrant was executed at Groom's residence and Groom's computer and related computer equipment was seized. An analysis of the computer revealed thousands of images of child pornography. Groom admitted at his plea that he has been collecting child pornography for approximately ten years and that he obtained and distributed child pornography over the internet.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway in this prosecution.